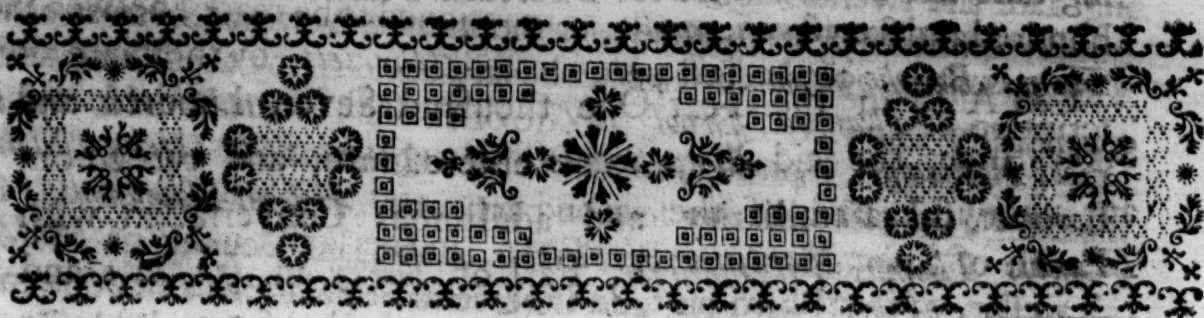


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HUMBL Y Sheweth and Complaineth to your Most
 Excellent MAJESTY, your True and Faithful
 Subject *Charles Daly* of *Loughrea*, in the County of
Galway, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Esquire, That in the Year
 One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-seven, your said Sub-
 ject was married to *Anna Statia Daly*, Spinster, Daughter of
Peter Daly of *Quansbury*, in the said County of *Galway*, and
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Kingdom of *Ireland*, Esquire, and that they lived and cohabited together as Man and Wife for Fourteen Years and upwards:

THAT, in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-three, the said *Anna Statia* entered into, and carried on, an unlawful Familiarity and adulterous Conversation with *Francis Thomas Fitzmaurice*, Earl of *Kerry* in *Ireland*; and your said Subject, soon after he discovered the same, brought his Action at Law in the said Kingdom of *Ireland* against the said Earl; but by Reason of the said Earl's Privilege, your Subject could not enforce the said Earl's Appearance to the said Action:

THAT the said *Anna Statia*, having found Means to make her Escape from your Subject's said House at *Loughbrea* - (where your Subject kept her confined to prevent any Conversation of Correspondence with the said Earl) came to *England*, in order to carry on the said criminal Intercourse with the said Earl with greater Secrecy:

THAT your Subject, not being able to proceed in the said Suit, commenced by him in *Ireland*, by reason of the said Earl's Privilege, brought his Action at Law in the Court of *Common Pleas* at *Westminster* against the said Earl for criminal Conversation with his said Wife; and, upon full Evidence given, and hearing Council on both Sides at the Trial of the said Cause, your Subject obtained a Verdict for Five thousand Pounds Damages, besides Costs of Suit:

THAT your said Subject hath not for upwards of Three Years now last past cohabited or had any Intercourse with the said *Anna Statia Daly*:

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THAT your Subject hath also exhibited a Libel in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of *London* against the said *Anna Statia*, and on the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-eight obtained a definitive Sentence of Divorce from Bed and Board and mutual Cohabitation against his said Wife in the said Court, for Adultery committed by her with the said Earl:

THAT as the said *Anna Statia* hath, by her adulterous Behaviour, dissolved the Bond of Marriage on her Part, and your said Subject stands deprived of the Comforts of Matrimony, and may be liable to have a spurious Issue imposed on him to succeed to his Estate and Fortune, unless the said Marriage be declared void and annulled by Authority of Parliament;

May it therefore please Your MAJESTY,

Out of your Princely Goodness and Compassion to your said Subject's Misfortune and Calamity, That it may be **Enacted; And be it Enacted**, by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Bond of Matrimony between the said *Charles Daly* and *Anna Statia* his Wife, being violated and broken by the manifest and open Adultery of the said *Anna Statia*, be and is hereby from henceforth wholly dissolved, annulled, vacated, and made void to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Charles Daly*, at any Time or Times hereafter, to contract Matrimony, and to marry (as well in the Life-time of the said *Anna Statia* as if she was naturally dead) with any other Woman or Women, with whom he might lawfully marry, in case the said *Anna Statia* was not living; and that such Matrimony, when duly had and celebrated, shall be good, just, and lawful Marriage, and so shall
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be adjudged, deemed, and taken, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever; and that all and every Child and Children, born in such Matrimony, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be born in lawful Wedlock, and shall be legitimate, and inheritable to, and shall inherit the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of, the said *Charles Daly*, and all other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments from and by their Fathers, Mothers, and other Ancestors and Relations, in like Manner and Form as any other Child or Children born in lawful Matrimony should or might inherit, or be inheritable unto, according to the Laws and Course of Inheritance used in this Realm, or in any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging; and to have and enjoy all Privileges, Pre-eminences, Benefits, Advantages, Claims, and Demands, in as full and ample Manner as any other Child or Children born in lawful Wedlock may have or claim by the Laws and Customs of this Realm, or any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging.

And be it further Enacted, That the said *Charles Daly* shall be intitled to be Tenant by the Courtesy of the Lands and Inheritance of such Wife or Wives as he shall hereafter marry; and such Wife or Wives as he shall so marry shall be intitled to Dower and Thirds at Common Law, or by Custom or otherwise, of and in such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof the said *Charles Daly* shall be seised of such Estate whereof she or they shall be dowable, as any Husband or Wife respectively may or might claim, have, or enjoy; and that the Child or Children born in such Marriage or Marriages shall and may derive and make Title, by Descent, Remainder, Limitation, or otherwise, to and from any of their Ancestors, or collateral Relations, as any other Child or Children born in lawful Wedlock may do; any Law, Statute, Restraint, Prohibition, Ordinance, Canon, Constitution, Prescription, or Custom, had and made, executed or used, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Anna Statia* shall be and is hereby barred and excluded of and from all Dower and Thirds, and of and from all Right and Title of Dower and Thirds at the Common Law, by Custom or otherwise, and all other Claim and Demand of, in, to, or out of any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whereof the said *Charles Daly* now is, or at any Time hereafter shall be seised of or intitled to for any Estate of Freehold or Inheritance, and of and from all Goods, Chattels, Personal Estate, and Effects which the said *Charles Daly* is now or at any Time or Times hereafter shall be possessed of or intitled to ; and that all Jointures, Estates, Interests, Uses, Trusts, Powers, Provifoos, Provisions, Surrenders, and Judgments, made, settled, limited, assured, or charged, or stipulated, covenanted, or agreed to be made, settled, limited, assured, or charged by the said *Charles Daly* for her Use and Benefit, in and by any Settlement or Settlements, Deed or Deeds, Writing or Writings, Conveyances or Assurances whatsoever, made upon, or in Prospect or Consideration of, or after her Intermarriage with the said *Charles Daly*, or in pursuance of any previous Agreement, or in any other Manner at any Time heretofore (and particularly a Judgment obtained in the Court of *King's Bench* in *Ireland*, in *Easter* Term One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-five, by *Mary King*, against the said *Charles Daly*, for Two thousand Pounds Debt, and One Pound Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence for Costs of Suit; which said Judgment hath been assigned to *James Daly*, Esquire, and *Dennis Daly*, Esquire, in Trust, to preserve and secure to the said *Anna Statia* her Jointure on the Estate and Lands of the said *Charles Daly* : And One other Judgment obtained in the Court of *Common Pleas* in *Ireland*, in *Michaelmas* Term One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-two, by *Edmond Flinn*, against the said *Charles Daly*, for the like Sum of Two thousand Pounds, and One Pound Nineteen Shillings and Eleven Pence

for Costs of Suit, which hath been also assigned to *Laughlin Daly*, and by him assigned to the said *James Daly* and *Dennis Daly*, in Trust, for the like Purpose of securing to the said *Anna Statia* her Jointure) shall, as to the said *Anna Statia Daly*, and any Benefit or Advantage thereby intended for her, from henceforth cease, determine, and be utterly void, and of no Effect; and that all the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the said *Charles Daly*, or of any of his Ancestors or Relations, shall from henceforth remain and be to and for the Use and Benefit of the said *Charles Daly*, his Heirs and Assigns, and such other Person and Persons, and for such Estates and Interests, and in such Manner and Form, as if she the said *Anna Statia* was now naturally dead without Issue of her Body.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Child or Children, as well Male as Female, which at any Time since the First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-five, hath or have been born of the Body of the said *Anna Statia Daly* (if any such there be) is and are and shall be deemed a Bastard or Bastards, and a spurious Issue, and not the lawful Issue of the said *Charles Daly* on the Body of the said *Anna Statia* begotten; and that no such Child so born since the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-five, nor any other Child or Children which hereafter shall be born of the Body of the said *Anna Statia*, shall be deemed, taken, or reputed to be the lawful Issue of the said *Charles Daly* on the Body of the said *Anna Statia* begotten, or inheritable to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the said *Charles Daly*, or of any of his Ancestors or Relations, by virtue of the said Marriage of the said *Charles Daly* with the said *Anna Statia*.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the said *Charles Daly*, his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and
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all other Persons claiming or deriving under him and them, or any of them, is and are hereby, and shall for ever be, barred and excluded from any Right, Claim, Title, or Interest of, in, to, or out of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, real, personal, or mixed, and from all Goods, Chattels, Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever, which the said *Anna Statia Daly* now enjoys, or is seised or possessed of, or any ways intituled to, in her own Right, or shall or may at any Time or Times hereafter become seised or possessed of, or any ways intituled to, by Descent, Gift, Devise, Limitation, Purchase, or otherwise howsoever.

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